

A DECISION
AGAINST COOKForeshadowed by Preliminary
Report Given Out Today

SCIENTISTS ARE SKEPTICAL

It Is Authoritatively Stated That Data
Thus Far Examined Is Not Sufficient
to Substantiate Cook's
North Pole Claims.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 18.—A decision against Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, was foreshadowed today by the preliminary report of the committee of Danish scientists regarding the first stages of their investigations. It is authoritatively stated that the data so far examined is not sufficient to substantiate the claims. A complete verdict is not expected before the latter part of next week, although it is believed that the committee's mind will be made up before that time.

LOSES LIFE SKATING.

Boy Went on Ice on His Way Home from
School.

Shirley, Mass., Dec. 18.—Harry Noe, 11 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Noe, was drowned in the Phoenixville pond yesterday afternoon. The boy was a pupil at St. Anthony's parochial school and while returning to his home after the session, with two other boys, went to the Phoenixville pond to skate on the ice. Noe ventured out about 20 feet from the shore, where the ice was thin, and it gave way under his weight. His two companions tried to rescue him, but they were unable to do so as the swift current carried him under the ice. The two boys who were with Noe ran to a mill, where they gave the alarm. A party of men hastened to the scene and within a short time recovered the body. Two physicians were called and they did everything possible to restore Noe to life, but without success. The body was taken to the home of his parents.

DESPONDENT OVER LOVE.

John Ewen of Brattleboro A Suicide at
Greenwich, Conn.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 18.—John Ewen, manager of the Standard Oil company's business for this town, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

He stood in front of a looking glass in the company's stables, holding the pistol to his right temple.

It is said that Ewen was despondent over a love affair, that he had prepared to marry a young woman, not known here, and had even bought furniture with which to furnish their home. It is understood that he was his second unfortunate love affair.

Ewen was 38 years old. He had been in town two years. He was a native of Brattleboro, Vt.

LEOPOLD'S WIDOW
CONSULTS LAWYERSHis Three Daughters to Contest Will.
Hostile Demonstration of People
Feared, and Her Departure to
Paris Kept Secret.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—Baroness Vanham, widow of King Leopold, left for Paris today to consult lawyers regarding the contest of the king's will, which his three daughters will institute after the funeral Wednesday. Her departure was kept secret to avoid a hostile demonstration of the populace. It is announced that the baroness will return in a few days, and it is believed that she will try to be present at the king's funeral.

NEW RECORD MADE.

Aitken Went a Fast 20 Miles at Indian-
apolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—Facing almost a freezing "Johnny" sky, Aitken in a National yesterday broke all world's records for distance of from one to 20 miles at the Indianapolis motor speedway. So severe was the cold that lubricating oil on some of the racing machines froze and finally forced the contestants to quit the races against time.

Aitken's dash was in the 20-mile time event. He covered the distance in 10:18:4.

FOUR NAMES FILED.

As Candidates for Mayor of Boston Under
New Charter.

Boston, Dec. 18.—For the honor of being Boston's first mayor under the new city charter, four candidates completed the filing of nomination papers with the election commissioners late yesterday upon the closing of the lists for the election on January 11 next. The candidates are Mayor George A. Hibbard, former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, James J. Storrow, a prominent business man and recently president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Nathaniel H. Taylor, a newspaper man.

SUICIDE AFTER QUARREL.

Leonard Freer Killed Himself at Middle-
town, N. Y.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 18.—After a quarrel with his sister at his home here yesterday afternoon, Leonard Freer, a former member of company L, of the United States cavalry, shot himself dead. He attacked his sister during the quarrel and injured her severely.

DARLING AND EMRY
MAY LOSE JOBSThere Are Said to be Other Aspirants
for Customs Collectors' Place in
Vermont. Delegation will
Look It Up.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Members of the Vermont delegation are very much interested in the question whether Collectors of Customs Charles H. Darling of Burlington and Curtis S. Emery of Newbury will be reappointed upon the expiration of their first term, Jan. 1. This question has been raised in Vermont, presumably in the interest of other prospective candidates. The matter is now under consideration by the delegation and will probably not be decided until after the holidays. Meanwhile the congressmen, returning home, will have an opportunity to ascertain the sentiment of their constituents and neighbors. The delegation is thought to be divided on the matter at present.

The two Vermont collectorships are among the most desirable federal offices in New England. They are said to pay from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in salary and fees each. Hence the question arises whether a four-year tenure of office is not sufficient.

In old days the Vermont collectorship—at that time there was only one—paid from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year and the practice for many years was to let a man hold the place during good behavior. During the McKinley administration the state was divided into two customs districts, and since President Cleveland's retirement the practice has been to permit the collector to remain in office for eight years, so that the selection of other men to succeed Messrs. Darling and Emery would be a change of policy.

Mr. Foster has recommended the reappointment of Postmasters Collins M. Graves of Bennington, John A. Sheldon of Rutland and Raymond C. Ransom of Castleton. Their names will be sent to the senate immediately after the holidays. It is expected that all other Vermont postmasterships becoming vacant at early dates will be filled by reappointments.

Senator Dillingham will leave for home Sunday to spend the holidays and Senator Page will follow him on Tuesday. Representative Plimley will go north on Wednesday. This will leave Representative Foster the only Vermont man in Washington during the recess.

DEMAND DISCHARGE
OF STRIKE-BREAKERSPolish Workers at Ludlow, Mass., Pass
Over Their Ultimatum to the Em-
ployers. Board of Arbitration
Claims a Misunderstand-
ing.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 18.—An ultimatum presented by the strikers to the Ludlow Manufacturing associates today says: "The Greek strike-breakers must be discharged before a single Pole returns to work."

The leaders of the strike claim that the company violated the agreement outlined by the state board of arbitration when they did not discharge the strike-breakers. Bernard P. Supple, secretary of the board of arbitration, says trouble is due to a misunderstanding. The evictions of tenants which were held up for a time are expected to begin at any moment.

BALM FOR WOUNDED AFFECTIONS.

New York Girl Wins Suit from Ex-Pres.
Zelaya's Nephew.

New York, Dec. 18.—Fortune gave the Zelaya family another prod yesterday afternoon when a jury awarded Miss Juliette Hero \$2,000 damages against Dr. Amador Zelaya for breach of promise.

"It might as well have been \$50,000," said the young relative of the Nicaraguan dictator when he heard the verdict. "I have no money and can't pay."

Under the law, unless Zelaya settles he can be committed to jail for an indefinite period.

Miss Hero sued for \$100,000 alleging that Zelaya promised to marry her while a medical student here. Two years ago, however, his courtship waned. The plaintiff, who is a Grecian girl and pretty, expressed satisfaction with the verdict, not because of its amount, but because she considered herself vindicated.

At the trial, Zelaya introduced evidence to prove that she had conspired herself with other young men after his own love grew cold. Miss Hero's trump cards were a number of letters the young Nicaraguan wrote her studied with picturesque endearments and bits of verse.

32 HORSES WERE
BURNED TO DEATHIn Destruction of Walter S. Glidden's
Stables at Charlestown, Mass.

To-day, the Total Loss Be-
ing \$40,000.

Boston, Dec. 18.—An explosion early today in the stables of Walter S. Glidden at Charlestown caused a fire which resulted in the death of thirty-two horses. The building was also destroyed, and the total loss is \$40,000.

MEDALS FOR HERO OF SEA.

Captain Popham Receives Rare Honor
from King of England.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Three medals for gallantry at sea were awarded Capt. Langdon Popham of the steamer Georgian when he arrived here from London yesterday. The principle honor is the king's medal, while the others are from the British board of trade and from the Marine Benevolent association, all three being conferred upon Captain Popham for his act in leading a crew of volunteers which rescued the crew of the British barkentine Seaborn off Cape Race on January 25, 1908. The king's medal is one of the only three or four in existence and is conferred only in rare cases.

ENGINE HUNG
OVER TRACKAnd Was Sideswiped By a
Train at Cleveland Today

THREE PERSONS KILLED

Three Others Were Probably Fatally In-
jured, While a Score Were Hurt on
the Lake Shore Railroad in
Cleveland Yards.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Three persons were killed and three were fatally injured, while a score were hurt, early today, when a train on the Lake Shore railroad sideswiped a switch engine in the railroad yards at 26th street in this city. The train was bound for New York.

SHE LOST REPUTATION.

So Mrs. Martha Raburn Declares and
She Sues for Damages.

Bennington, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Martha Raburn of Pownal is suing Mrs. Julia Bump of the same town in county court alleging slander. O. M. Barber of Bennington appears for the plaintiff and F. C. Archibald of Manchester for the defendant. The audience room of the county court building was nearly filled with residents of Pownal who have come to town to hear the details of the trial.

The trouble originated in a raspberrying expedition last August. Mrs. Bump, as it appears from the testimony, picked a pair of berries which she left standing in the woods and which when she returned for it shortly afterwards was accused of stealing berries and that in controversy that followed, vile epithets of a defamatory character were used. She seeks damages for the loss of reputation.

IS HELD FOR TRIAL.

Winooski Man Charged with Criminal
Assault.

Burlington, Dec. 18.—The hearing of August Cadieux of Winooski, charged with committing a criminal assault on Miss Mary Hunt of North Winooski avenue, was completed yesterday morning in city court, when Judge Mower bound the respondent over to the spring term of Chittenden county court, being held in the sum of \$200. Indefinite bail, Cadieux was committed to jail. The alleged assault occurred on September 1, on the Winooski road when, as the complainant charges, Cadieux dragged her through some bushes.

HOPE AMERICA WILL
RECOGNIZE ESTRADACruiser Buffalo to Reach Nicaragua Mon-
day—Marines Not to Be Landed
Unless Americans or Property
Are Menaced.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Dec. 18.—The dispatch of the United States cruiser Buffalo, with 700 marines aboard, from Panama is expected to have an adverse influence on the candidacy of Madrid to succeed Zelaya. The Buffalo will arrive here Monday. It is announced that marines will not be landed, unless the Americans in Managua or their property are menaced. Hope is still entertained here that America will officially recognize Estrada.

WOMAN WANTS \$10,000.

Dummerston Man Served with Papers
in a Suit.

Brattleboro, Dec. 18.—Charles G. Townsend, formerly a Dummerston farmer, and his domestic troubles have added another chapter to a matrimonial tangle, the latest result coming Thursday night when Deputy Sheriff Chamney I. Knapp served papers on George L. and Jennie S. Townsend, his parents, in a suit for \$15,000. It is brought by Mrs. Edna (Littell) Townsend, for the alleged alienation of her husband's affections and for alleged connivance in a plot to keep her from the custody of her 2-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Townsend brought a petition for divorce on Aug. 24. The case was held over owing to the absence of the husband. The petition will again come before the court at the April term, 1910.

AGAIN FAINT ON STAND.

Defendant in Suit Brought in Addison
County Court.

Middlebury, Dec. 18.—The whole time of the county court yesterday was taken up with the continuation of the testimony for the plaintiff in the case of Jennie F. Finerly vs. Mary Ayers. Mrs. Ayers, the defendant who collapsed on the witness stand yesterday, was put on the stand again in the morning and after answering a few questions, had another fainting spell and had to be taken from the court room once more, but later in the day was able to finish her testimony. This case will last into the middle of next week.

PRESIDENT ATTENDS FUNERAL.

Met by Pupils of School in Which His
Brother Is Principal.

Watertown, Conn., Dec. 18.—President Taft, accompanied by his military aide, Captain Buff, arrived here at 9:30 to attend the funeral of the president's sister, Mrs. Horace Dutton Taft. They were met at the station by a large body of scholars from the school in which the president's brother is principal. The president will be the guest of his brother during the stay.

WELLS RIVER DEPRESSED.

By the Enormous Weight Imposed Last
Night.

Wells River, Dec. 18.—The 7th annual meeting of the Fat Men's association was held at Hale's tavern in this place last night, there being about 100 members in attendance. All the New England states were represented and there were several members from New York state present. Two new members were accepted, one of them an editor from Isle of Pines, Cuba, weighing considerably over 200 pounds and a New York state man weighing 300. The retiring president of the association, Arthur R. Moulton, weighs 430 pounds and five of those present at the session tipped the scales at over 300. The association now extends over the whole United States and 407 members were admitted during the past year alone.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, M. D. Kimmy of Boston; treasurer, J. P. Hale of Wells River; secretary, H. E. Parker of Bradford. One vice president from each of the New England states was chosen and the executive committee, consisting of the president and vice-presidents, will manage the affairs of the organization during the coming year.

W. J. Bigelow of St. Johnsbury, was the toastmaster at the banquet which followed the business meeting, and the speakers were A. B. Moulton, David Wilkey of Wells River, John Towne of Portland, Me., Arthur E. Stone of St. Johnsbury, and J. K. Ripley of Burlington, who rendered a poem.

YOUNG GOTCH LOST.

Took 13½ Minutes for Greek Strong Man
to Do It.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 18.—A fair-sized audience saw the wrestling match in the armory hall last night between Young Gotch and Arthur Vlahatlasas, known as the Greek group man. A great deal of interest was shown, as both the contestants were local men. Vlahatlasas won the first fall in four minutes with a full body hold, and he took the second fall in nine and a half minutes, with the full body hold.

The Greek is exceedingly strong, and he was not able to break the hold which Vlahatlasas would get. Gotch was on the defensive most of the time.

This is the first bout that Young Gotch has lost in the city this year. Fritz Hanson of Claremont was referee, and Benjamin Blyth, timer.

BEAT THEIR ELDERS.

Spaulding High School Team Got
Away with Alumni.

A basketball team composed of representatives of Spaulding high school tried their mettle against the lively Spaulding team at the Church street gymnasium last evening, with disastrous results for the alumni team, which was able to score but 14 points to their opponents' 42. The alumni had apparently lost their eyes for basketball, as they made only two baskets from the floor in the three periods of the game, the other ten points being made on free throws from fouls.

The first period ended with the score 7 to 7, but the alumni evidently had expended all of their reserves force in this period, and were swamped by their opponents during the last two periods. Griggs of Spaulding kept up his reputation as a "sure shot" for the basket, making eight baskets from the floor, and scoring 16 points. He made 10 of the alumni's points, shooting one basket from the floor and eight fouls.

The line-up:

Spaulding. Alumni.
Madden, f. g. Ball
Stewart, f. g. Riley
Averill, f. g. Halverson
Griggs, f. g. Kenefick
Smith, f. g. f. Bruce

Baskets from the floor, Griggs 8, Madden 4, Stewart 3, Ball, Riley, baskets from fouls, Griggs 10, Ball 8, Bruce 2, referee, Cummings; time, two 15 and one 10-minute periods.

FAST BASKET BALL.

Burlington High Defeated Vermont
Academy, 33 to 27.

Saxtons River, Dec. 18.—Burlington high defeated Vermont academy in a fast game of basket ball here last evening by the score of 33 to 27. The game was clean in every respect and the teams were well matched. The line-up and summary:

Burlington. Vermont.
Campbell, f. g. f. E. Palmer
Lepper, f. g. f. E. Palmer
Dunlap, f. g. f. E. Palmer
Nichols, f. g. f. Alden
Savage, f. g. f. Baker

Referee, Buck; time-keeper, Moore; baskets from floor, Campbell 3, Lepper 2, Dunlap 3, Nichols 3, Baker 2, f. g. f. Palmer 3, Alden 2, Baker; from fouls, Dunlap 3, Campbell, Baker; time of halves, 15 minutes.

WHIRLWIND FINISH.

Gave Game to South Ryegate Cats.
Jonians over the Marshfield Team.

South Ryegate, Dec. 18.—The Caladonians of South Ryegate defeated the Marshfield basketball five at Marshfield last evening by the score of 18 to 17. It was a whirlwind finish. The score at the end of the first period was 10 to 3 in favor of Marshfield, and at the end of the second period it was 14 to 9, also in favor of Marshfield. The Caladonians came back strong in the third period and won out by the score of 18 to 17.

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Parties in Hartland Have Just Sold
\$15,000 Worth.

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DEADLOCK
IS BROKENCompromise Candidate Heads
National League

LYNCH OF NEW BRITAIN

Three Days' Fight Between W. R. Brown
of Louisville and John M. Ward of
New York Was Ended
To-day.

New York, Dec. 18.—Thomas J. Lynch of New Britain, Conn., was today elected president of the National base ball league by a unanimous vote, thus ending a three days' deadlock between W. R. Brown and John M. Ward. Lynch was elected secretary. Lynch was nominated by Brush as a compromise candidate.

Brush had put forward the claims of John M. Ward and made a stubborn fight for his election. Three ballots taken yesterday resulted in a vote of four to four. The election of Lynch was the alternative to the appointment of a vacancy of three men, or that Lynch should be continued in the position of acting president of the league.

MAINE G. A. R. LEADER DEAD.

Richard K. Gately Was Former Com-
mander.

Portland, Me., Dec. 18.—Richard K. Gately, one of the best known Grand Army men in Maine and an ex-department commander of the department of Maine, died last evening. He was born in England 70 years ago.

After he came to the United States, he lived at Manchester and Concord, N. H. He was the foreman of an engine company at Concord at the breaking out of the Civil war, and when in England the service, 50 others, mostly from the same area. He served in the navy, and at the close of the war came to Portland and went into business as a plasterer.

Mr. Gately was a member of the command council in 1879, 1880 and 1887 and of the board of command in 1888. In 1887, he served as commander of the department of Maine, G. A. R. He was an intimate friend of Thomas B. Reed and was one of the original Reed men. He was high in the confidence of Blaine and was for years one of the leaders of the Republican party in this part of the state.

ANSWER FILED A DENIAL.

Statement by Defendants in Action at
Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Dec. 18.—An answer was filed yesterday with the county clerk to the proceedings brought on Oct. 14, in the courts of chancery by the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell Co., of which William H. Hooker is president, against James F. Hooker, William H. Corser and Charles D. Whitaker, former members of the company.

Denial is made that they were endeavoring to hire away employees and alienate, that they had converted the knowledge of the Brattleboro company and were using it in their new business, that they had abstracted documents from the files of the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell company, that they had adopted a patent buckle held by an Brattleboro corporation and all other charges made in the bill.

The defendants declare the matter is not one for the chancery courts, but a subject to be treated by direct action at law.

HELL HOLLOW BEAR DEAD.

Negro Lumberman Bagged Him—Many
Tracks Seen This Fall.

Bennington, Dec. 18.—Edward Adams, a negro lumberman living at Peruville in the town of Woodford, came into the village yesterday with a black bear that will weigh about 200 pounds. Adams shot the bear on the Hell Hollow stream, after tracking the animal less than a mile.

On account of the open winter the bears have not yet "holed up" and persons who have been in the mountains to the east of the village since the snow came say that the tracks of the animal are numerous.

GOOD BUSINESS IN FURS.

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POULTRY SHOW DECEMBER 28.

Big Vermont Association Exhibit in the
New Palace Garage.

The new Palace garage will be opened December 28, 29, 30 and 31 by the Vermont Poultry association. This will give the association one of the best show rooms in Vermont. With light on all sides, it is an ideal place for a poultry show. The premium lists are now being mailed and the association is also soliciting the sale of tickets.

This association depends on the public for its support, all money being returned to the people in the way of premiums. Its object is to promote the poultry industry in Vermont. The premiums, its object is to promote the silver cups and several hundred dollars in cash in regular and special prizes. It should be one of the best winter poultry shows ever held in Vermont.

Those wishing to exhibit poultry at this show may get entry blanks of R. S. Carrier, secretary, or E. M. Lyon, president. There will be door prizes for every day of the show, so save your coupon ticket and attend the show. Thursday will be children's day, when children under 12 years of age, with parents, will be admitted free. There is more than the usual interest this season in this show, and there will be more to see for your money. The members say they are going to make this poultry show to Barre what the horse show is to Boston, a place where both ladies and gentlemen can go for an afternoon or evening and want to go again. A social affair. This show has always been patronized by people all over Vermont, and it is the object of this association to increase that interest. You will be doing your part if you buy a 25-cent ticket and attend the show.

WHY PROPOSITION
WAS REJECTEDPress Committee of Barre Branch Ex-
plains Action of Northfield Union.Report Three Sheds Are to
Open Up Monday.

The proposition to refer the differences in the granite business at Northfield to the two national executive committees for adjustment, was rejected by Northfield branch at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, only a few members voting in its favor. This puts efforts for a settlement back at the starting line again, and dispels the little ray of hope there was that this means of straightening out the differences at Northfield would prove effective. Just why such a means of settlement should be rejected is not conceivable to the average person. Such an expression of opinion to the press committee of Barre branch this morning brought out this explanation:—

"It was generally expected among granite cutters that the proposition to refer the settlement of the present dispute to the so-called 'making for peace' plan would be turned down by Northfield branch.

"This sagacious 'plan' was tried two years ago, when the Quincy dispute was referred to be settled. The decision was given adverse to the manufacturers' association, when that body promptly repudiated the decision and would not abide by it, thus discrediting a method of settlement of disputes of which they themselves were the chief authors.

"In the present trouble, had this plan been adopted, the men who were locked out over a month ago would have had to return to work under the terms, and wait generally a month or two before this outfit would make a decision, and even then there is no guarantee that the manufacturers would abide by it, unless it was favorable to themselves.

"No self-respecting body of men would stand for anything of this kind, besides, it has generally been the policy of branches in this vicinity to settle their own disputes among themselves."

Wm. Barclay, who has been in Boston this week attending meetings of the executive committee of the national association of manufacturers, returned home last evening. He will report to the executive committee of the Barre Manufacturers' association at a meeting to be held Monday evening.

There were reports to-day that three small manufacturing firms were to open up Monday morning, but no names were mentioned as to which ones they were, nor where located.

HIS HEAD CRUSHED.

Body of Connors Found on Pole
of Wagon.

Waltham, Mass., Dec. 18.—The body of Lawrence Connors was found last night on the pole and crosspiece of a wagon which he drove for Peter J. O'Malley, a contractor, whose yard is on Massachusetts street. It is believed that Connors fell from the wagon and that his feet were caught in such a manner that his head, which was terribly crushed, struck the road while the horses continued on their way.

With four other employees of O. Malley Connors left the yard with lumber for Roxbury. He was left behind by the other men on their return, and when the horses walked into the yard at 6:30 last night without their driver the men found an investigation and his body was found lodged on the pole.

ASK FOR CHARGE.

Couple Arrested at Waterbury Say They
Will Plead Guilty.

State's Attorney Gates stated this afternoon that Henry Picord and Mrs. Julia Sullivan, arrested at a room in a Waterbury hotel on Thursday night, and who have been held in jail in default of \$500 bail, had asked him to file information against them on the charge of adultery, so that they can plead guilty.

ARBITRATED RAILWAY WAR.

Judge Taylor Decides for Three-cent Fare
and One-cent Transfer.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Federal Judge Taylor decided today in favor of a three-cent initial fare and a one-cent transfer. He was acting as arbitrator of the Cleveland street railway war.

BROUGHT OUT
GOOD CROWDRoll Call By Odd Fellows and
Allied Organization

FOLLOWED BY BANQUET

The Masons Were Also Visited by Their
District Deputy Last Night, After
Which a Banquet Was
Served.

Something different and entirely successful was the joint roll-call held by the different branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Odd Fellows' hall last evening. There were about 150 members present, including representatives of every branch of the order and several grand officers from the different state branches.

Alex. Duncan, district deputy of the encampment branch of the order, officiated as chairman during the evening. The grand officers present were Frank W. Jackson of Barre, grand representative; O. H. Henderson of St. Johnsbury, grand secretary; H. W. Scott of Barre, grand inside sentinel of the encampment branch; J. A. Foster of Waterbury, grand outside sentinel; Mrs. Susan Keesh of White River Junction, president of the Rebekah assembly; Mrs. L. L. Boyce of Barre, secretary of the assembly, and Mrs. F. W. Jackson of Barre, chaplain of the assembly.

After the grand officers had taken their seats, the exercises opened with prayer by Rev. W. J. M. Beattie. Then there was given a piano duet by Misses Blanche Spaulding and Ruth Quigley, followed by a brief address by Grand Representative Jackson. Letters were read from the grand officers of the canton who were unable to be present, and then the roll of Canton Vinton was called, many of the chevaliers responding as their names were called, and many by letter.

This roll was followed by a violin solo by E. J. Bachevalier, with Mrs. Bachevalier acting as accompanist. H. W. Scott, grand inside sentinel of the grand encampment, made a few remarks in representing that branch, and letters were read from other of the officers of the grand encampment, who were unable to be present.

The roll of Minnoka encampment was called, many of the patriarchs responding.

After Mrs. Frank Worthen had favored the audience with a piano solo, letters were read from some of the officers of the Rebekah assembly, who were unable to be present, followed by a total membership of subordinate lodges in the American jurisdiction of 1,492,478. Belonging to the Rebekah branch of the order are 603,931 people. The total membership of American Oddfellows, including the Rebekah branch is 1,898,376. There was paid out during the year 1908 benefits amounting to \$5,500,835.60. There are 46 Odd Fellows' homes in the country, averaging in number of inmates from 15